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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARYRe: *Written Ex Parte*
MB Docket No. 03-172

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of Cox Communications, Inc. ("Cox"), I am writing to clarify the statement in Cox's ex parte submission of October 14, 2003 in the above-referenced proceeding concerning whether the television networks have made Cox cash offers for retransmission of their owned and operated television stations ("O&Os"). In addition to the casual offer from Disney/ABC described in the October 14, 2003 letter, Cox received a cash offer earlier this year from Viacom/CBS for carriage of KCAL, a Los Angeles television station it had recently acquired. The offer of \$0.75 per subscriber for carriage of KCAL on Cox's Orange County cable system was made during a much larger negotiation between Cox and Viacom/CBS over carriage of a number of Viacom properties including the MTV Networks and the UPN O&Os. Because they were recently acquired by CBS, these television stations were not included in the earlier nationwide retransmission consent negotiations between Viacom and Cox over the CBS O&Os.

Cox did not accept CBS's cash offer for KCAL. There are seven television stations that have elected retransmission consent in Cox's Orange County system. Had Cox accepted the cash offer for KCAL, and had the other retransmission consent stations in the system then made similar demands, the prices of Cox's lifeline basic cable service in Orange County would have increased by \$5.25, raising the rates for that service between 32 and 37 percent. That dramatic rate inflation could have been further exacerbated should any of the 14 must-carry stations carried by Cox's Orange County system opt for retransmission consent during the next election cycle.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'To-Quyen Truong', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

To-Quyen Truong

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